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Rotation of Crops,

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[Concluded from our last.]

The next system in order is that of seven fields; in which case each division of the farm will contain 71 3-7 acres. Two varieties may be selected as applicable to this system.

1st. corn; 2d. wheat; 3d. clover; 4th. wheat; 5th. clover; 6th. wheat; 7th. clover. The first of these is the preferable mode except that the advantage of planting corn in double ground is lost. Both are valuable courses, and highly to be recommended where circumstances render it necessary to have as much as one seventh of the land in corn. The only objection to which the seven field system is liable, is this: as it does not admit the maximum of fallow of which the farm is susceptible.

Let us, then, in the last place, suppose the farm to be divided into eight fields of one acre each, and the rotation to be adopted will depend in a great measure upon the condition of the farm, and upon the comparative profits of grass and grain. This division admits of important changes in the rotation of crops, without the alteration of cross fences; and the farmer may proceed from a lenient course of crops, in which only two fields are annually fallowed, to one in which greater demands are made upon the soil. In either case, one field only is allotted to corn a great portion of which may be manured, and the produce will be found sufficient to supply the wants of the farm. For let us suppose the average produce of the corn field to be six barrels per acre, the crop will amount to 375 barrels; an ample supply of the labour necessary to cultivate that quantity of ground in corn, and to fallow three times that quantity for wheat, should the profit on stock be found more considerable than that arising from the culture of wheat, less labour will be required on the farm, and there will be a surplus of corn.

The first course applicable to this system is as follows:

1st. wheat; 2d. corn; 3d. wheat; 4th. clover; 5th. clover; 6th. wheat; 7th. clover; 8th. clover; yielding four grain crops, two of which are upon fallowed land, in eight years. A variety in the course might be suggested by supposing the corn to be planted on clover ground instead of double; but as this would not change the number of grain crops in any given year, it is unnecessary to do so. The second course, designed for a more improved condition of the farm is this:

1st. wheat; 2d. corn; 3d. wheat; 4th. clover; 5th. wheat; 6th. clover; 7th. wheat; 8th. clover; yielding five grain crops, three of which are upon fallowed land in eight years. Consequently 5 8ths of the farm will be annually in grain until the termination of harvest; and as it would probably be found necessary to break up one of the clover fields before that period, it is apparent that this course is less favorable to stock than the preceding, and must be discontinued so soon as wheat shall become the less valuable article. That many farms in this state are able to sustain this course of cropping, will be evident by comparing it with the system of five fields, which is in general use. In the one corn, the most exhausting crop, occurs but once in eight years; in the other, once in five; while the quantity of ground annually cultivated in the first, exceeds the quantity annually cultivated in the last, only by one twentieth of the whole, or 2 1/2 per cent.

With a view to test the comparative profits of the different courses referred to in these remarks, we will suppose, that in such instance every acre of ground shall produce six barrels of corn, valued at three dollars per barrel; every acre of fallowed ground, twenty-two and a half bushels of wheat, estimated at one dollar and twenty-five cents per bushel; and every acre of corn ground, fifteen bushels of wheat, estimated at the same price.—The fallow crop is fairly stated at 50 per cent. more than the corn ground. I have generally found it to be nearly double. The result will be as follows:

No. of fields.	Bbls. of corn.	Bush. of wheat.	Proceeds.
Four	750	1876	\$4593 75
Five	600	3750	6437 50
Six	500	8125	5406 25
Seven	428 4 7	4285 3 3	6642 78
Eight	375	3756	5812 50
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From this statement it would seem, that the gross revenue derived from cultivating the farm in the manner last proposed, exceeds that arising from any of the rest, supposing every article to be converted into its equivalent in money; but, when it is recollected that corn is by no means so saleable an article as wheat, that more hands are required to make it, and of course more mouths are ready to consume it; and that the economy observed in using it is always in the inverse ratio of the quantity made; the system of eight fields must be allowed to have a still greater advantage over the rest than would appear from the above statement. Again, when the field is large in proportion to the residue of the farm, no farmer in this section of the country could sow wheat upon it in due time without a material abridgment of his fallow, or a considerable augmentation of the labour employed upon his farm. Four men, with as many harrows, and three horses to each, can put in one hundred acres of fallow ground prepared for sowing in four days; whereas twelve ploughmen cannot do as much upon corn ground in the same time: And as the time for sowing is much circumscribed by the Hessian Fly, a strong argument is derived from the consideration in favour of any system which admits of the most expeditious seeding, and of course the greatest proportion of fallow.

In the foregoing observations on the various systems, no notice has been taken of a difficulty, common to them all, that provision is not made for a supply of hay for the use of the farm. Unless the farm should possess the advantage of a sufficient quantity of meadows in addition to the arable land, this difficulty will be sensibly felt; and in those systems which require but few fields it would probably be found necessary to make temporary subdivisions, or to have permanent lots for the purpose of supplying hay. The quantity of ground required for this object, on well improved land, is not considerable. On a farm of five hundred acres, twenty-five would be sufficient. In the system of five fields, therefore, by way of example, too great a sacrifice of pasture would be the consequence of devoting an entire field to the scythe, and it would be found desirable, if not necessary, to enclose a part of it, a resource not only for hay, but clover seed. In the system of eight fields, if the first mentioned course be adopted, less difficulty will be experienced than in any of the rest, because the number of fields in grass will allow the use of any one of them for these purposes, or such a portion of it as may be required, without material inconvenience. Should the second course applicable to the division of fields be adopted, the inconvenience may be remedied without a temporary inclosure in this manner: instead of fallowing the whole field in the eighth year for wheat, leave twenty two and a half acres unbroken, and forty acres of it only will be in wheat in the ensuing year. The part remaining in clover will furnish an adequate supply of hay and clover seed, and the proceeds may be safely stated to be the same in value as if the produce had been wheat. The year afterwards, the whole field will be planted to corn; and I would suggest the propriety of sowing only so much of it in wheat after the corn, as had been pretermitted in the preceding fallow. This part of the field having been less exhausted, might, with the aid of careful cultivation, be made to produce a very profitable crop. The residue of the corn ground may be sown in rye; and when it is recollected that the rye crop can be put in with much greater expedition than wheat, (cultivators answering the purpose of ploughing,) the greater latitude is admissible in the time of sowing it, and much less expense in securing it at harvest. The actual profit will be found nearly the same as in the preceding statement, and the trouble considerably less.

But I should be strongly tempted to abandon the practice of sowing small grain of any kind upon land just released from the exactions of a crop of corn, and forego immediate profit for the more durable advantage derived from the greater improvement of the soil, if I could be satisfied, as assured by some, that clover will succeed when sown upon corn ground, without the aid of what is called a sheltering crop. An experiment of this kind would be most likely to succeed upon ground previously harrowed; and should it prove satisfactory, the system of eight fields would appear under a new aspect. Not more than one-half of the land would in any case be occupied, in any given year, by grain; and not more than one eighth by corn. From the greater proportion of fallow, the gross pro-

fits accruing to the former would be scarcely inferior to those derived from the cultivation of three fifths or four-sevenths of his land, while the expenses attendant upon it would be considerably less. Every operation of the farm would be conducted with ease and satisfaction to the proprietor; and his profits annually increase with the increasing value of his land.

I am, respectfully, your obed. servant,
THOMAS MARSHALL
Dr. John Adams, Secretary of the Agricultural Society of Virginia.

The following method is recommended by Mr. Farrow, a member of our society, and a farmer of high reputation, when it is wished to avoid a crop of small grain immediately after corn, and at the same time insure the growth of clover:—In the spring, after the corn is taken off, sow oats, at the rate of one half bushel or three pecks per acre; harrow them in with heavy harrows, and upon the ground thus prepared sow clover seed and plaster. The oats will be a fine pasture about June, and should be fed on just before they would come into head. Let the stock be then taken away, and the oats will spring up again. The field may then be pastured a second time; when the oats and clover mixed with furnish a rich repast. The next year no oats will appear, and the clover will enjoy exclusive possession of the soil.

TURKEY.

Late news from Gibraltar informs us that Russia and Austria have united in a declaration of war against the Turks. There is only one motive that could lead Austria to form a coalition with Russia, against the Ottoman Porte, and that is a partition of the Grecian Provinces, which from position, would be valuable to Austria. Still, a fear of France and England, may have a tendency to check Austria in attempts to profit by this Greek insurrection. Russia may alone venture upon a declaration of war, because the bait is truly tempting, and such is the fear of Turkey, that any ultimatum to retain peace, will be succeeded to by the Porte.

The whole of the Grecian revolution has been badly managed. Fierce and cruel as the Turks have been, the Greeks have exhibited equal ferocity; and Ypsilanti, instead of concentrating his forces, and effecting a union with Theodore, has fled to the borders of the Adriatic, and abandoned the cause.

It is impossible, however to view the revolution in Greece, without great interest. Wherever there may be a contest for liberty, the wishes and anxious desires of Americans will be felt for success in such great efforts. The following proclamation will prove that the United States, the last and only republic on earth, is anxiously looked to for assistance to liberate the most ancient, the most learned and illustrious of republics, from the horrors of slavery and tyranny.

Let us while we read, pause, and mark the destiny of nations; see the reverses which fate reserves for them. Every thing changes with time; faith and principle are alone immutable.

N. Adv.
From the Boston Daily Advertiser.

PROCLAMATION OF THE MESSENIAN SENATE.

The following proclamation addressed by the Messenian Senate at Kalamata, to the citizens of the U. States, has been sent in the original modern Greek and in a French translation, to a gentleman in this town, with a request to have it published and circulated in this country. The letter in which the Proclamation was forwarded, contains the following remarks:

"Humanity is expecting its revival from the New World. But, however your example may suffice to others, we, in our present straits, need also your aid. How glorious will it be to your country to cooperate in the work of liberation of the Greeks, in which the other Powers have remained insensible to the voice of justice, piety and humanity! The glory alone of such a deed would be an ample reward. But the Greeks have never shown themselves ungrateful, or wanting in the duty of acknowledgment. And as they formerly crowned the friendly cities with crowns of gold, and honored them with precedence at the assemblies and games, so they will again honor and crown their friends and allies."

This letter is subscribed by P. Epites, "deputy of the Grecian General," and by A. Koray, A. Bogorides, and N. Pikkolo. The letter is in the handwriting of Koray, and is written from Paris. The proclamation is as follows:

Citizens of the U. States of America!

In taking the Resolution to live and die for liberty, we feel ourselves drawn toward you by a natural sympathy. It is among you, that liberty has found her abode, and she is worshiped by you as by your fathers. In invoking her name we invoke yours; feeling that, in imitating you we imitate our own ancestors, and that we shall show ourselves worthy of them, in proportion as we resemble you.

Though separated from you, Americans, by mighty oceans, we are drawn near to you by your virtues. We feel you to be bolder to us than the nations on our frontiers, and we regard you as friends, fellow-citizens and brethren because you are just, benevolent and generous. Just, for you are free:—Benevolent and generous, for your laws of the gospel. Your freedom does not rest on the slavery of other nations, nor your happiness on their oppression and woes. On the contrary, free and prosperous yourselves, you wish that all men should partake these blessings, and enjoy the rights which nature intended for all. It is you, who first asserted these rights, and you who have first again recognized them, in restoring to the oppressed Africans the character of Men. It is your example which has led Europe to abolish that shameful and cruel traffic in human flesh; from you, that she learns the lesson of justice, and the duty of reforming her absurd and sanguinary customs. This glory, Americans, is exclusively yours, and exalts you above all other nations renowned for good government and freedom.

It is now for you to perfect your glory, in aiding us to purge Greece from the barbarians, who for four centuries have polluted it. Surely it is worthy of you to discharge the duty of all civilized nations, in expelling ignorance and barbarity from the native soil of the arts, and of freedom. You will not imitate the culpable indifference, or rather the long continued ingratitude of some European nations. No, the colony of Penn, of Franklin, cannot yield to the descendants of Phocian, Thrasylus, Aratus, and Philopomen. You have already evinced your confidence in them, by sending your children to their schools. You know with what joy they have been received, and the steady kindness and attention of which they have been the objects. If they have done this in bondage, what will not be their friendship and attachment to you, when by your aid they shall have burst their fetters?

Greece will then offer you advantages, which you would seek in vain from her ignorant and ferocious oppressors. The ties of fraternity and kindness will forever unite the Greeks and the Americans, and our mutual interests are such, as to strengthen forever an alliance founded on liberty and virtue.

KALAMATA, May 26, (June 6) 1821.

Signed:—The Messenian Senate of Kalamata—Peter Mavromichales, Commander in Chief."

Such is the Proclamation issued from that portion of the Morea, which has ever been the least subjected to the Turkish government.—The little town of Kalamata, standing at the head of the ancient Messenian Gulf, and not far from the ruins of Messene, is separate only by a brook from the province of Messina. Of the assembly convened at Kalamata, under the name of the Messenian Senate, we have no satisfactory information; the publication of a Proclamation like this, and the mission of an authorised ambassador to Paris, with his possession of the confidence of the most respectable Greeks in that city, seem to authorize us to attach some importance to the character of the body in question. It may be inferred, we think, from the proclamation and the letter from which we have given an extract, that the Greeks despair of assistance from the great continental powers in their neighbourhood. We are at a loss to understand that part of the proclamation, in which America is said "to have sent her children to the schools of Greece, where they had been kindly received." Nothing occurs to us, to which this can refer, unless it be the circumstance that the American Missionaries to Palestine stopped at Scio, for the sake of acquiring the language of the Greeks, and were instructed by one of the Professors in the Academy there.

BLANKS.

A FULL supply of these Blanks mostly in use, will be kept constantly for sale at the Store formerly occupied by Thomas Robbins, near Gallagher's Tavern,



WASHINGTON, N. C.
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 1821

HOW TO FATTEN HOGS.

MR. EDITOR,

As the season has arrived when farmers are making preparations for fattening hogs, and as their resources for this purpose have been seriously affected by the failure of crops, you may confer a favor on the more uniform'd part of your agricultural readers by giving publicity to an economical method of using the Sweet Potato ("Convolvulus Batata" L.) for this purpose. The common methods of ranging hogs among the growing roots, or feeding them off in pens raw or boiled, are all objectionable; and although boiled food when properly prepared, is superior to the crude in point of nutrient, in the proportion of six to nine, as ascertained by comparative experiment; yet the boiled potato in its undiluted state is by no means a wholesome food for hogs, rather producing an indisposition to fatten, and not unfrequently death. On opening four hogs that sickened and died in a pen, in short succession, having been for some time previous plentifully fed with boiled potatoes, the stomach or maw of each was found so close'd as to render the contents impervious to the gastric juices, and the lower intestines had become turgid, their peristaltic motion having been for some time suspended. To have therefore the full benefit of this root without waste, as in the crude state, or deleterious consequences as in the boiled, it is necessary first to boil, then reduce to a pulp, and lastly to dilute with water, until the consistence of treacle or honey is obtained; fed in this way there can be no better food for accumulating fat; hogs thrive rapidly on two or three gall. of this mash per day, and if a handful of salt to each bushel of potatoes be added, the effect will be greatly facilitated; this, however, is only preparatory to corn feed, without which, neither fat nor flesh will have the desired hardness or solidity; when it is perceived, therefore, that the animal's jaws are flushed and apply him to the boiled corn and clean water for one week; in which time an entire change will have been effected in the substance of the hog, and the pork cannot be distinguished from that which has been corn fed from the first. It is astonishing in the present improved state of agricultural pursuits that the wretched and wasteful custom should be perpetuated, of confining fattening hogs in open pens, exposed to all the vicissitudes and inclemencies of weather—so kept, they require full one third more food to bring them to a proper condition. Cleanliness as connected with comfort, is also an indispensable requisite to kind fattening; the sties well shedded should be litter'd with straw of any kind, and when saturated with excrementitious matter, should be removed to a heap and there suffered to ferment and rot, while fresh litter should be supplied; the manure so obtained will amply repay not only for the trouble of removal, but for all the corn necessary to perfect the fattening. The additional time required for the proper feeding and management of fattening hogs, in closing the construction of suitable sties, dwindles into nothing when opposed to the great advantages to be derived. Many of the smaller class of farmers are expending their whole Potato Crop, and a large proportion of their corn, in scarcely bringing their hogs into killing order; while by rising half an hour earlier, they might amply create the time necessary to a system calculated to redeem their crops from unprofitable consumption, or enable them to increase the number of their hogs, without additional resources for feed. I may be observed that hogs fed with potatoes prepared as above, require no water separately; hence the trouble of supplying water in both cases is equal.

AN OBSERVER.
Beaufort County, Oct. 27th, 1821.

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A Hint to Congress.

That the memory of the patriotic, brave, virtuous & great WASHINGTON, has and will be duly appreciated by every reflecting and true American, cannot be doubted—but the greatest eulogium on departed worth, is a due and attentive respect to their precepts;—for that purpose, I would recommend, that his FAREWELL ADDRESS, in the most legible and elegant manner, be placed directly over the chairs of the Speakers of both houses of Congress; also, in the most conspicuous and suitable place in the house occupied by the President; it will then be the Polar Star, for when any of those public servants lose

right of the way they should go, it will direct them—This will be real and proper homage to the memory of a man who may with propriety, be called the Father and temporary Saviour of his Country.

AMERICANUS.

Legislators read this!

From the *National Intelligencer*.

PUBLIC EDUCATION.

Believing as we do that nothing is so essential to the stability of free governments as the general education of the people, we hope to be excused for again inviting attention to the plan for creating a fund adequate to that purpose, by the appropriation of Public Lands, proposed by the Legislature of Maryland at its last session. Congress, and nearly all the state Legislatures, will be in session in the course of a few weeks; and we deem it a duty, not to let this important subject sleep, as the period for acting on it approaches. Congress, it is well known, has already made large grants for the purpose of education to a part of the states, and we think that a sound, elevated, and enlightened policy, as well as impartial justice, require that like grants should be extended to the others. To obtain this for herself, as well as for the other states which have not received any, Maryland has invited them to cooperate with her in making application to the general government, by the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That each of the United States has an equal right to participate in the benefit of the Public Lands, the common property of the Union.

Resolved, That the states in whose favor Congress have not made appropriations of land for the purposes of education, are entitled to such appropriations as will correspond, in a just proportion, with those herebefore made in favor of the other states.

Resolved, That his excellency the Governor be requested to transmit copies of the foregoing Report and Resolutions to each of our Senators and Representatives in Congress, with a request, that they will lay the same before their respective Houses, and use their endeavors to procure the passage of an act to carry into effect the just principle therein set forth.

Resolved, That his excellency the Governor be also requested to transmit copies of the said Report and Resolutions to the Governors of the several States of the Union, that they will communicate the same to the Legislatures thereof respectively, and solicit their cooperation.

These resolutions, accompanied by a conclusive argument in the shape of a report to the Senate, were transmitted last February to the Governors of the several states, to be laid before their respective Legislatures. But the winter sessions of most of them had terminated before the resolutions were received, and few have been assembled since that time. Such as have been in session, and acted on the resolutions, have, as far as we are informed, concurred in the views of Maryland, with the exception, perhaps, of New York. In the House of Representatives of that state a report was made by a committee at the close of their last session, unfavorable to the adoption of the Maryland proposition, for reasons which we thought by no means satisfactory. We believe that report was not acted on, for want of time, notwithstanding the statement in the article copied below from a New York paper; and we trust the subject will again be brought before them at their next session, and that a Legislature so distinguished by its liberality in the endowment and support of literary institutions, will not adopt the course recommended by its late committee, so much at variance with the enlightened policy, in regard to education, which it has heretofore pursued.

We have taken up this subject at the present moment, for the reason assigned above; and we hope, with the aid of our brother editors, whose attention to the proposition of Maryland, we earnestly solicit, to direct it to the notice of the friends of learning, who may be members of the state legislatures, throughout the Union. And we are persuaded, if the argument in favor of it shall once fix their attention, that they will take the necessary steps in the several bodies to which they respectively belong, to effect their co-operation.

We published the Maryland Report in the *National Intelligencer* of the 26th of April last, to which we refer such of our editorial brethren as may be desirous of publishing it entire. To such as cannot spare room in their columns for the whole document, we recommend the re-publication of the following remarks upon it, giving a clear and concise view of its object, and the principal reasons which support it, which appeared in a New York paper some time ago, under the head of

Appropriation of Public Land for the purpose of Education.

MR. EDITOR: It has struck me with some surprise that the public attention has not been more excited by the recent

discussions in some of the State Legislatures, upon the subject of the appropriation of the public land of the United States for the purpose of education.

The facts upon which the question arises are strictly these:—Before the Revolution, most of the states had no western boundary, except that, by the terms of their respective charters, their western limit was the Pacific Ocean. After the Revolutionary war, the individual states severally ceded to the United States their claims to the wild lands without their jurisdictional limits, and this cession was, I believe, in every instance, (with the exception of Georgia,) made without any consideration given or promised by the United States. In this manner, the United States obtained an indisputable right (subject, of course, to the Indian title) to all public land east of the Mississippi. The lands owned by the United States west of the Mississippi, it is well known, were purchased by the public purse of the United States.

One 26th part of all the states and territories, except Kentucky, whose water fall into the Mississippi and the Gulf of Mexico, has been appropriated by Congress for the support of common schools, in the states and territories where the lands are situated; and farther appropriations have been made for seminaries of a higher grade.

Now, the question precisely is, whether the Atlantic states have not a right to demand a correspondent appropriation to be made from these lands, for the purpose of education among themselves, or an equivalent in some other form.

For ourselves, we do not see that this question admits but one answer. The property is common, and of right should be applied to common purposes. It was purchased at a common expense of blood and treasure. That some of the states gratuitously released to the Union the right of property in their hands, will not, surely, be urged against them; this release was made, not to the new states, but to the Union; and its object was, (I quote the words of the act passed by the state which made the largest cession,) that they should serve "as a common fund for the use and benefit of such of the states as have become, or shall become, members of the confederation or federal alliance of said states, according to their usual respective proportions in the general charge and expenditure, and shall faithfully and bona fide be disposed of for that purpose, and for no other use or purpose whatsoever."

Is it not a clear violation of the intention of this generous grant, to apply any portion of the gift, thus made, in such a manner as wholly to exclude the giver from its benefit?

Test the question of right in another way: Suppose there were no reservation of any portion of these lands for the purpose of education, but that they were all sold from time to time, and the purchase money, when collected, paid into the public treasury. With what grace could any particular states of the Union apply to the national treasury to have a portion of these moneys given to them for the purposes of public education without consenting to similar appropriations in favor of all the other states? If the money for which the land was sold would belong in common, to all the states of the Union, upon what ground can a different principle be applied to the lands themselves? As a question of right, therefore, there seems to be no doubt, and we do not know that any has ever been made.

If the questions is to be put upon grounds of policy, or charity, the old states ought, at least, distinctly to understand what they give away, that they may appreciate the full merit of their own generosity. The share of these lands which would fall to the state of New York, upon a calculation founded upon the extent of territory in the several states, would be 960,000 acres, worth, at the minimum government price, \$1,920,000. Upon a calculation formed upon a juster basis, viz: "her proportion in the general charge and expenditure," her share would be double or treble that amount. These sums are no trifles, and the effect which properly extended, they would produce upon the education of our youth, would be no trifles.

But it may be said that the erection of schools and colleges in the new states may render the public lands there more valuable, and enhance the price.

We suspect that such enhancement is rather imaginary than real, and if it exists it is only an incidental advantage, of which the Union has a right to reap the benefit; and, besides, if lands in the new settlements are thus made more valuable and tempting to emigrants, and our citizens drawn off to occupy them, is this a reason why we should be called upon to make peculiar sacrifices, to bring about such a state of things? Let it not be understood that we object to any appropriation of public property for the purposes of educating the youth of the western states; far from it. We only ask similar and proportionate appropriations of the same fund for the education of our own youth.

Upon what ground of justice or policy shall this be denied? Because the funds are locally situated in the South and West, will not their value, when sold, as we answer the purpose of maintaining Schools in the North and East, as upon the lands themselves?

We might enlarge upon this subject and the argument, we think, might be rendered conclusive to any mind, that is neither right nor expedient to confine the benefits of their appropriations to any portion of the Union, in exclusion of the rest.

Our attention has been drawn on the subject by the perusal of a report made by the honorable V. Maxcy, to the Senate of Maryland, and, we believe, unanimously adopted by that body, and the whole legislature of that state. This report is a very able and interesting document, and contains a full and detailed statement of facts and calculations, and to our opinion, conclusive argument.

The resolutions adopted by the legislature of Maryland, in compliance with the Report, were communicated to the several states, and so far as public opinion has been expressed we understand it is in accordance with the Maryland resolution. In this state, however, an adverse report was made by Mr. Verplank, and adopted by the lower House. We have great respect for this gentleman, and differ from him with much diffidence, upon a question touching the literary interest of the country. We cannot, however, accede to the view which he has taken of the subject, and chiefly for the reasons above given. This report of Mr. Verplank has been printed in several of the papers in this city. It is understood that Mr. Maxcy has been excluded by its length. Had it been given to the public, it would have afforded a fair opportunity to hear both sides and saved the trouble of writing this article.

EQUAL RIGHTS.

Extract of a letter from Pernambuco, to a respectable House in Alexandria, dated Sept. 23

"The Patriots and royalists have had an engagement this morning, close to Olinda.—The former had twenty killed and wounded, and made prisoners. The latter four killed. Almost every person in the town is under arms. Some very large ships have in sight this evening—supposed to be from Lisbon, with 300 royal troops on board. The patriot army consists of 9,000 men, and it is confidently believed that when they enter the city, all, or nearly all, of the inhabitants who are now attached to the royalists will join them. Little or no business doing."

Herald.

FROM GENOA.

By the brig Neptune, Capt. Monroe, we have received from our attentive correspondent at Genoa, a file of the Gazette published at that place to the 2d August, which we shall put in the hands of a translator, and if they contain any thing of importance or of general interest, it will appear in our columns.—Our correspondent writes, under date of the 3d of August: "It is rumoured here to day, that the Russians are marching on Constantinople. Our garrison now is composed of about 12,000 troops. Our king has not yet entered his territories, but remains with his relative the Duke of Modena."

Not. Ad.

PIRATES TAKEN.

CHARLESTON, Oct. 31

By the arrival of the schooner Anna, captain Hillard, in 4 days from Havana, we have received papers to the 25th instant, from which we have made the following interesting extract. We congratulate the mercantile community on the capture of nearly the whole of those daring plunderers who have infested the neighborhood of Cape Antonio westward of the island of Cuba. Should our other commanders in the expedition meet with success equal to the gallant capt. Kearney's, the death-blow to piracy may soon be struck. We understand the crew exceeded forty in number, and from the statement in the Havana paper, we may daily expect their arrival in Charleston to meet the awful award of insured justice.—Gaz.

SAVANNAH, Oct. 24.

Arrived from Liverpool, the American ship Lucius, of Charleston, capt. Messer, On the 16th this ship was taken possession of by the famous pirates who cruised off Cape Antonio. As these pirates were about plundering her, the U. S. sloop brig Enterprise fortunately hove in sight, and succeeded in taking the piratical fleet, consisting of four schooners and one sloop. Besides the vessels captured, there was an open boat attached to the same gang, which effected her escape.—The ship was brought in by a midshipman of the United States brig. We have been horror struck at the depredations and piracies inflicted by these buccaneers: and we congratulate the mercantile world on the capture of those unprincipled men, the more particularly, as by their apprehension, important discoveries will be made.

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POETRY.

A volume of Poems by James G. Percival, has been lately published at Newhaven, (Conn.) The volume is highly recommended in several publications, and we subjoin the following, as a specimen of the author's talents:

ODE TO RELIGION.

Daughter of Heaven! whose tender eye
Bends from thy throne of light above,
And in the wounds of misery
Distills the healing tears of love;
Clad in the spotless robes of day,
Thou clear'st the moral night away,
And at thy touch dispersive, roll,
The dark impervious clouds, that shroud
the guilty soul.

Along the vale of death and pain,
In sable weeds a band appears;
Around them fly a horrent train
Of sharp regrets and boding fears;
O'er flinty path their way they wind,
And leave their track in blood behind;
Remembrance has no light to cheer,
And dim through louring clouds the beams
of hope appear.

They backward look on early flowers,
On buds of bliss and dews of joy:
How few, how fleeting were those hours—
They flitter'd only to destroy;
Amid the woven blossoms rose
The gloomy forms of rest' woes,
And Disappointment backward threw,
With cold, repulsive hand, the eager hastening crew.

With bounding heart and burning soul,
With look else and eye of fire,
Youth lifed from the hurried goal,
Impell'd by glory, love, desire:
Before him, bone the dazzling prize—
Bone bash'd exulting from his eyes,
He stretch'd his hand—despair with thrill'd scream
Repell'd his grasp and broke his gilded dream.

Celestial maid! thy mellow light
Can pierce the clouds that round us lour,
And pour upon the drooping sight
From Heaven the soul enkindling shower;
And as the soft distilling rain
Enlivens all the thirsty plain,
The deeps of love awake the heart,
And heal the festering wounds of sorrow's venom'd dart.

O come! and on me kindly lay
The mantle of thy loveliness,
And all my errors wash away
In the pure fountain of thy grace;
And when I weep o'er joys & ne by,
And view the past with wistful eye,
Be thine to lift my sinking soul,
And guide my wearied steps to Heaven's eternal goal.

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From the New York Commercial Advertiser.

TURKISH EMPIRE.

The rapid progress, and still more rapid decline of the Turkish power, are among the most interesting phenomena in the history of modern Europe. Under any circumstances, we could not behold with indifference a people which seemed to spring at once, from nothing, to the summit of empire—whose power was extended over the classic regions of the east, in all the rigor of barbarous and unrelenting despotism, and which, distinguished from the rest of Europe by the character of its religion, its laws, its manners and its customs, has stood an isolated monument of the energy of superstitious enthusiasm.

The Turks are descended from a Tartar horde, who emigrated from the countries bordering on the Caspian sea, about the year 850, and who, for several centuries after, interfered, with decisive effect, in the contests and revolutions of the Saracen Asiatic States. Othman, the chief of the Oghuzian Tartars, is reckoned the real founder of the Turkish empire. He succeeded his father in 1289, and his dominions were then confined to the lordship of Sogut, a Bithynia, and a small tract of adjoining territory. But the good conduct of Othman, and the bravery and zeal of his followers, enabled him greatly to extend the narrow limits of his paternal inheritance, and to bequeath the whole of Bithynia and Cappadocia to his son and successor. From this period the tide of Turkish conquest began to roll forward with a force that could not be checked by the feeble resistance of the Greeks. In 1338, the Ottoman troops first obtained a footing in Europe; and in little more than a century after, (1453,) Mahomed II, sword in hand, entered Constantinople, the capital of the Greek empire. Selim, the grandson of Mahomet, added Syria and Egypt to the dominions of his ancestors; and Soliman the Magnificent, the contemporary of the Emperor Charles V, and the most accomplished of all the Ottoman Princes, conquered the greater part of Hungary, and in the East extended his sway to the Euphrates. At this period the Empire was unquestionably the most

powerful empire in the world. But even then it had not reached its greatest height. Soliman was succeeded by other able princes, and the Ottoman arms continued to retain their ascendancy over those of Christendom, until the famous John Sobieski, King of Poland, forced them, in 1683 to raise the siege of Vienna. This marked the era of their decline. For a while they continued to oppose the Austrians and Hungarians with doubtful fortune, and with various success; but the victories of Prince Eugene gave a decisive superiority to the Christians. From this blow they never recovered; their empire continued ever since to fall, like a star which shoots downwards, through the expanse of the heavens; until at last their power seems tottering on the very verge of annihilation.

The Turks, like their Tartar ancestors, are naturally a brave, patient, and hardy race. They were early inured to habits of pillage and of blood; and after embracing the Mahometan faith, they found in the law of the prophet not a license only, but a command to desolate the world, and to propagate their religion and their empire by violence. The peculiar tenets and leading doctrines of the Koran harmonized in a particular manner with the ferocious, ignorant, and superstitious minds of the Turks, who early became the most zealous apostles of a religion, of which implicit faith and unconquerable energy are the vital principles. Their fanaticism knew no bounds. They literally believed that the sword was the key of heaven and of hell; and that to fall fighting in defence of the true faith, was the most glorious of deaths, and was accompanied with the largest portion of eternal felicity. Firm and unshaken believers in the doctrine of predestination—assured that no caution could avert, and that no dangers could possibly accelerate their inevitable destiny—they met their enemies without fear or apprehension.

To the desperate energies which would be exerted by principles like these, wielded too by a succession of Sultans, distinguished for various and consummate ability, the Greeks had nothing to oppose but dispirited troops, and generals equally destitute of skill and capacity. The total defeat of Bajazet, the grandson of Othman, by Timour, in 1402, presented an opportunity which, had it been rightly improved, might have enabled the Greeks to expel the Turks from Europe. But they were themselves totally incapable of profiting by this or any other event; and the schism of the West, and the factions and wars of France, England, and Germany, deprived them of all foreign assistance, and enabled the Turks to repair their shattered fortunes, and again to become the terror and scourge of Christendom.

But the same cause to which the Turks principally owed their original success—the intolerant bigotry and fanaticism of their religion—proved also the principal cause of their decline. It insulated them from the rest of Europe, and taught them to look down with contempt and aversion on the arts, the sciences, and the attainments of the infidel world. "There is," to use their own words, "but one law, and that law forbids all communications with infidels."

Other causes have also contributed to the decline of the power of the Turks. The fiery and impetuous zeal of the original conquerors has long ago subsided; the invention of gunpowder, and other improvements in the system of modern warfare, have opposed an invincible obstacle to the success of multitudes without discipline, and courage without skill. That fanatic fervor, that contempt of danger, and that superiority of numbers, and of bodily strength, which formerly gave so decided a superiority to the Ottoman arms, could not enable them to contend with the science, the cool deliberate courage, the artillery, and the tactics of the troops of Prince Eugene, and of Suvarrow. The Turks have degenerated both in their civil and military institutions; but their present weakness is to be ascribed more to their not keeping pace with the progress of their neighbors, than to their positive decline.

Their ignorance, and the confidence in the doctrine of predestination, prevent them from suspecting the source of their inferiority to be in themselves: "we effected our conquests," said the Mufti to the Baron de Tott, "without any aid from European tactics, nor do we now stand in need of them. Our defeats are not the effects of human force; they are the chastisements of our crimes; the decree of Heaven hath reached us, and nothing can avert the wrath of Omnipotence."

The unlimited despotism of the Sultans may be assigned as another cause of the decline of the Turkish empire. The Sultan is at the head of both church and state. He is regarded as the immediate vicegerent of God, or rather of the Prophet, and the most unresisting and passive obedience to his command is inculcated as a primary religious duty.

For a time, during the rise of the Turkish power, this extraordinary exaltation of

the Sovereign was attended with no evil consequences. The Sultans were generally in war, and legislators in peace; they prided themselves on the military and peaceful virtues, in order to inspire confidence and attachment in their soldiery and subjects; from personal observation they were able to bestow rewards on those who deserved them; and the necessity of supporting their own power, by the efficacy of the talents and attachments of their officers, was a sure pledge of a judicious selection. But when the idea of Turkish conquest was stopped, and the heirs of royalty, instead of being educated in the council or in the field, were brought up in the slothful luxury of the Seraglio, their inclinations were vitiated by their habits, and their government grew as vicious, as corrupt, and as worthless as themselves. Influenced by private, and often base, affections, they committed the administration to favorites without merit or experience, and the incapacity of the head pervaded and paralyzed the whole system of the state.

The extension of its boundaries also hastened the decline of the empire by increasing the number of its enemies, not of its subjects. Submission to the power of the Turks averted indeed the stroke of death but nothing short of embracing the religion of their Prophet could exonerate the vanquished from extortion and slavery. "The conquered people, if they obstinately refused the offer of conversion, became, together with their possessions, their industry, and their children virtually the property of their masters. Their substance says the law, is as our substance, their eye as our eye, their life as our life. In such a state of subjection, their claim to justice and security was little better than an empty sound; and their lives and fortunes were made subservient to the necessities of the State and the interests of the superior and privileged class, who strove, by every means, however injurious and insulting to their feelings, to suppress instead of exciting their energies, to debilitate their minds to the level of slavery, and to ensure their submission to the form of government established by themselves." (Mr. Thornton's Present State of Turkey, vol. ii, p. 60.)

"All the officers of government," says the same accurate and well informed writer, "owe their appointment to the sole favor of the Sultan, without respect to birth, talents, services, or experience. They are deposed or punished without the liberty of complaint or remonstrance; and at their death the Sultan inherits their property. Governments of every description are sold at the Porte; they are held for the term of one year only, and at the ensuing *basar* the leases must be renewed or transferred to a less parsimonious competitor. In the public registers, the precise value of every important post under government is recorded; and the regular remittance of taxes and tribute is the only acknowledged criterion of upright administration. If the stipulated revenue duly enters into the coffers of the government, no inquiry is made whether it has been collected by harsh or by lenient measures.

"When the inhabitants of a city or a province are dissatisfied with the Pacha, they present their complaints in a petition to the Porte; but unless they accompany it with a larger sum than the Pacha finds it convenient to give for his reappointment they seldom succeed in their application for his removal. Contests of this public nature, as well as those between private individuals, are determined, not by the evidence of facts, or the force of argument, but by the specific quantity of gold which either party can procure to support of his case."

When a Pacha thinks he can establish his independence by his wealth, or his troops, he rebels; that is, he sends no remittances to the Porte; and if the Sultan cannot subdue him by force, a sort of contest in cunning arises between them—the Sultan trying to assassinate the Pacha to murder the assassin. It is not uncommon for the Sultan to send an executioner with orders, if he should not be able to effect the destruction of the Pacha, to load him with additional honors! By this means, suspicion is not unfrequently lulled asleep; and the Pacha is rendered an easier prey to that undistinguishable thirst for revenge which can never be satisfied except by the blood of those who have presumed to contest the authority of the vicegerent of the Prophet."

Such is a brief abstract of what appears to us to have been the principal causes of the increase and decline, and of the present enfeebled state, of the Turkish power. It is a fabric which may be easily subverted, but which, fortunately for Europe, can never again recover its former strength. It has for the last fifty years existed only in consequence of the mutual jealousies and struggles of Russia and Austria; but what will be the consequence of the present conjunction cannot be foretold at present. If they follow out the principles on which they have acted in the case of Naples, they must support the

throne of the Sultan, and render the banner of the cross an auxiliary of the crescent. Such an association, however, it may be reasonably predicted, will never take place, and it would not be a very surprising thing, if, in the course of ten or fifteen years, Turkey should be what Poland is. But, so long as the Turkish government is suffered to exist, the Pachas will continue to pillage and waste the provinces, and the Sultan will, in his turn, strangle and then plunder the Pachas.

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WASHINGTON, Oct. 23.

FROM PENSACOLA.

By the southern mail of yesterday, we received from our correspondent at Pensacola, a copy of the subjoined proclamation, by which it seems that governor Jackson has found himself under the necessity of taking the decisive step of ordering certain Spanish officers to leave the territory within four days. The letter of our correspondent, which is also subjoined, will throw some light, besides what is afforded by the proclamation, on the circumstance which induced this measure on the part of the Governor.

The Pensacola newspaper of the 29th ult. which also reached us yesterday, contains the entire publication of "the Spanish officers," referred to in the Governor's proclamation. The same paper contains several documents, signed by American Officers, relative to the affair with Col. Callava, which have been drawn forth by the statement of Col. C. lately published. All these articles will be inserted in our columns to-morrow.

The reported resignation of Governor Jackson, and his arrival at Nashville, circulated in the newspaper, are contradicted by our letters from Pensacola, which left him there on Friday.—*Nas. Int.*

PENSACOLA, Oct. 1.

"Several occurrences have taken place here, which may make some noise abroad, from the dearth of news at present. I have already mentioned something respecting the case of Col. Callava, who has gone on to Washington to complain. It was with great unwillingness that I could be induced to think him so bad, as appearances would seem to justify. I rather felt disposed to attribute his conduct to bad advice and a weak attachment to public and imaginary privileges. His conduct, I am now satisfied, is not that of a plain, frank soldier, which many of us thought him; there is too much littleness in his conduct for this, too many petty tricks to impose false appearances upon the world. There is no excuse for his not surrendering the documents, and his intimacy with the man who was interested to keep them out of the way, justify every suspicion, although he may be perfectly innocent. But, without giving you a full view of the whole affair, it is impossible to enable you to judge correctly.

The Spanish officers here have been guilty of great impropriety in their reflections upon the Governor, under the disguise of an answer to a piece by H. Bigelow. They were here without permission, and, under the seventh article of the treaty, ought to have gone with the troops; it was, therefore, their duty to have been at least decent in their animadversion on the highest judicial tribunal of the country. It was an act of great mildness to order them out of the Floridas; in fact, they were going at any rate.—This order is, however, only confined to those who were the authors of the offensive publication; there are a number of others who will still remain.—They are about to set out to-day for New Orleans. Callava, in the Governor's place, for such conduct on the part of American Officers, would have sent them to Havana in irons. It is well they are going, for, in all probability, if they had remained, we should have had some very unpleasant personal encounters. For the sake of peace, and to avoid these unpleasant occurrences, the course pursued was an act of prudence. The Spaniards, it appears to me, cannot be made to understand that the government of Spain has ceased here.

P. S. General Jackson is about to take his family to Tennessee, and will return here as soon as possible."

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